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Response



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Group Art Unit 1756

Examiner Martin J. Angebrannndt

In re Application of

MARK. W. SCHAEFER

Serial No. 09/473,246

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METHODS FOR TRANSFERRING
HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGES INTO
METAL SURFACES

Attorney Docket No. 012006-00254

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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This is in response to the Official Action dated November 6, 2001, which was a Final Rejection of the application.

Please reconsider this application in view of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer and the following remarks.

REMARKS

A new Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed to replace the effective disclaimer previously submitted.

The Official Action states that the declarations filed by Applicants under 37 CFR 1.131 are improper because the claims in this application are directed to the same invention and evidence overlapping scope with those in Mentz et al. 6,017,657. The Official Action then repeats the rejection of all the claims in this application under §§102 and 103 over Mentz et al., either alone or in combination with other secondary references.

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